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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations has the honour to enclose herewith a communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia dated 6 June 1996, concerning implementation of Security Council resolution 1054 (1996) (see annex).

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Annex

Communication dated 6 June 1996 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has the honour to refer to the note of the Secretary-General dated 15 May 1996 (SCA/2/96(10-1)), by which he requested information on the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 5 of Security Council resolution 1054 (1996).

In this regard the Ministry wishes to inform the Secretary-General that the Government of Ethiopia had already taken measures prior to resolution 1054 (1996), which fully concur with the above-mentioned paragraphs. Accordingly, as at 1 September 1995:

(a) The number of diplomats working at the Sudanese Embassy in Addis Ababa were limited to four, including the Ambassador, while the remaining left Ethiopia after a seven-day notice. The movement of the remaining diplomats is monitored closely. Similarly, the Government of Ethiopia has limited the number of its diplomats in Khartoum to the same level;

(b) The Consulate of the Sudan in Gambella (Western Ethiopia) has been closed;

(c) All Sudanese nationals are now required to obtain a visa to enter Ethiopia and the exemption of the visa requirement previously issued by the Government of Ethiopia to neighbouring countries will not apply to Sudanese nationals;

(d) All institutions and non-governmental organizations, directly or indirectly related with the Sudan, operating under the guise of humanitarian activities were made to cease immediately all their activities in Ethiopia, and Sudanese nationals and other expatriates working in those organizations have left the country;

(e) Sudan Airways is prohibited from entering Ethiopia and Sudanese national employees of the carrier's office in Addis Ababa have left the country. Similarly, Ethiopian Airlines has ceased its flight to Khartoum;

(f) The Sudanese Community School in Addis Ababa has been closed and all its teachers of Sudanese nationality and other expatriates working at the school have left Ethiopia within seven days;

(g) The Sudan News Agency (SUNA) office in Addis Ababa has been closed and Sudanese nationals working in the Agency's office have left Ethiopia within seven days.